

Wetherill Nature Preserve

2022 Annual Newsletter



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Letter From the Commission

To our friends of the Wetherill Nature Preserve

The Wetherill Nature Preserve continues to be a special place for the many people who visit each year, and we are thankful for this very special gift from the Wetherill family.

Though the Preserve did not experience the massive tree falls of 2021, a significant number of trees were also lost in 2022, some of them quite large, blocking trails and presenting safety risks. Professionals were needed to safely clear these and other dangerous trees and volunteers worked diligently to clean up all the resulting debris. Thank you to all involved. This fall we will be planting new trees in several areas to help restore canopy.

Increasing Maintenance and Rising Costs

Maintenance is an ongoing job in the Preserve, and it has become increasingly difficult for volunteers to do it all. The meadows need regular upkeep to keep invasive Himalayan blackberry and other noxious weeds controlled. Young trees must be nurtured until stable, trails maintained, and border fence lines kept open. The main entrance, which had become very dangerous due to erosion, is now being rebuilt (see photo) and security fencing is needed in the storage area. For many years, commissioners David Bergey and Bruce Jones

have done much of this work, while also overseeing other volunteers. Since they need to scale back, a landscape contractor has been engaged to take over some of these tasks in 2023.

How You Can Help

We are very grateful to our donors and volunteers, and to the towns of Hunts Point and Yarrow Point, for the support that enables us to continue to maintain this wonderful community resource. Thank you! Please continue to think of the Wetherill when you consider your charitable giving. Our suggested donation is \$150 per family, but any donation is much appreciated.

Thank you for your support of the Preserve!



The path into the main entrance of the Preserve has just been updated to reduce the steep slope, making it safer and easier to navigate.



Animal Safety

In May of this year, WNP commissioner Mike Koss found a fledgling owl in distress in his yard. The owl had gotten tangled up in monofilament line and a section of fiberglass pole that was used as a fencing material.

This owl had become so entangled that the line was cutting deep into his talon by his efforts to free himself. Fortunately, Mike was able to capture the owl and take it to PAWS for rehabilitation. After 5 weeks of recovery, the wounds on his talon had healed and he was again released on Hunts Point.

This is a good reminder to be aware of the hazards to wildlife posed by materials like plastics and especially monofilament line when used outdoors.



The 16-acre preserve was given to the towns of Hunts Point and Yarrow Point in 1988 by **Sidonia Wetherill Foley** and **Marjorie Wetherill Baird**, descendants of a pioneer Seattle family. It is managed through volunteers, comprised of resident commissioners, neighbors, and caring donors.

Everyone plays an important role



In April, the Seattle Garden Club was a huge help in clearing out dead foliage and invasive ivy.



The Clyde Hill Police Department is ready to roll and help with our safety and security in The Preserve!

Your WNP Commissioners

Bruce Jones, Member at Large (Chair)
David Bergey, Yarrow Point
Marian Bergey, Yarrow Point
Ronnie McGlenn, Yarrow Point
Nelson Adams, Hunts Point
Alane Moran, Hunts Point
Mike Koss, Hunts Point

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contribution to help us
maintain our unique place**

- ☐ Yes, here's my donation
- ☐ Yes, here's my donation 'in memory of'

Name -----

Address: -----

Email: -----

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- ☐ Yes, add me to your volunteer list

Donating is Easy!

You can donate via **credit card** at the
Town of Yarrow Point's website:

<https://yarrowpointwa.gov/wetherill-donations/>

Or by check made payable to:

Wetherill Nature Preserve
c/o Town of Yarrow Point
4030 95th NE

Yarrow Point, WA 98004

Donations are tax deductible



**The Preserve is open to the public year
round during daylight hours.
PLEASE KEEP PETS ON LEASHES.**

Wetherill Nature Preserve

*A natural place providing
a habitat in perpetuity
for flora and fauna of the
northwest. A place to
commune with nature.*

WNP Facts

Did you know that in 2022...

- 15+ trees have been lost in the Preserve due to wind or disease
- Over 1,000 volunteer hours have been dedicated to maintain WNP
- 1,700 gallons of irrigation water were used from Spring through Fall
- The annual operating budget to maintain WNP was over \$40,000

Entrance and Parking

The main entrance to the Preserve is located about halfway between Hunts Point and Yarrow Point, along the Points Loop Trail. There is also an entrance near the NE 33rd street cul de sac. Some parking is available at the Hunts Point Town Hall and on the street along 92nd Ave NE.

Enjoy your Preserve!

Thank you Wetherill Nature Preserve Donors

November 1, 2021 to October 31, 2022

General Donations

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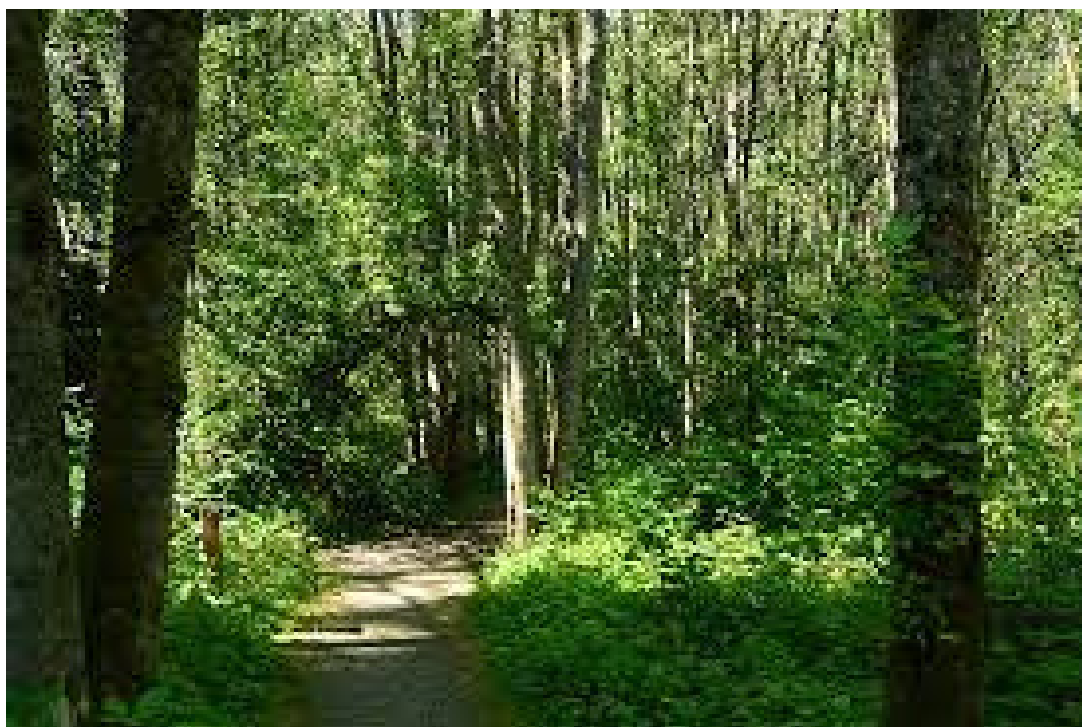
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(Tollefson)



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A community treasure
Hunts Pt | Yarrow Pt



"In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks."

John Muir